Striped bench cover

Short · US terms



Finished size
About 14 × 47½ in (36 × 121 cm) with the border, without the ties

Skill
Easy
Back loop only, stripes and a border

Yarn
Bulky (5), 3 colors

Hook
6.5 mm (US K-10½)

Gauge
11 stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In ribbed half double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: soft sage, main	**about 220 yd (201 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, stripe	**about 190 yd (174 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: dark moss, the border	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**

Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10½), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 15 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Short (this file)	**14 × 47½ in (36 × 121 cm)**	**about 485 yd (443 m)**
Medium	16¼ × 56 in (41 × 142 cm)	about 645 yd (590 m)
Long	18 × 62 in (46 × 157 cm)	about 795 yd (727 m)

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch: insert hook in the place named, yo, pull through it and the loop on hook (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
BLO	back loop only: the loop of the top farther from you
Rnd	round
RS	right side
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

11 stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in ribbed half double crochet. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

Work the test piece, lay it flat without stretching it, and measure in its middle. If it has more stitches and rows to 4 in (10 cm), use a larger hook; if it has fewer, a smaller one.

The swatch. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. The test piece takes about 25 yd (23 m) of A, which the amounts do not count. Undo it when you have measured it and use its yarn again, or buy that much more.

Swatch foundation	With A, ch 17.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(16 hdc)**
Swatch rows 2 to 14	Ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across	**(16 hdc)**

Before you start

- The rows run across the bench, so the length is made of stripes. In Short and Medium every stripe has 10 rows. In Long the sage stripes have 12 rows and the cream stripes 10. The first stripe and the last are sage.
- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- The first stitch after the ch 1 goes into the first st, the one right below the hook.
- After row 1 every stitch of the cover is worked into the back loop only, the loop of the top farther from you. The loops left free make the ribs on both sides. The border is worked under both loops.
- Right-side rows are the odd-numbered ones.
- Measure the bench or the pad before you begin, and choose the size that is as long and as wide as it or a little smaller.
- Cut each yarn when the rows of its color are done. To change yarn, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- Border: work along the last row, down the ends of the rows, along the other side of the foundation chain and up the ends of the rows. Begin with the right side facing and the last row at the top, in the first st at the right-hand corner. The chain skipped at the start of row 1 is not worked into.
- The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.

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- In the border "same st as join" is the st the joining sl st was worked into; the sl st itself is not a stitch. "3 sc in next st" puts all 3 stitches in that one place and turns a corner.
- To join a yarn with a sl st, make a slip knot of it on the hook, put the hook in the place named, yo, and pull through the place and the loop on the hook.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- When a ball runs out, join the next at the end of a row: work the last yarn over of the last stitch with the new yarn, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

Instructions

Chosen: Short. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble and yo is yarn round hook.

Cover

Yarns in order of use: A, soft sage; B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 36.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(35 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across	**(35 hdc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 10: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 11**	With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across	**(35 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 12 to 20**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across	**(35 hdc)**

A box for each row, 12 to 20: tick them off as you go.

☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20

Stripe in A, soft sage

☐ **Row 21**	With A, ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across	**(35 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 22 to 30**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across	**(35 hdc)**

A box for each row, 22 to 30: tick them off as you go.

☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27 ☐ 28 ☐ 29 ☐ 30

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 31**	With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across	**(35 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 32 to 40**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across	**(35 hdc)**

A box for each row, 32 to 40: tick them off as you go.

☐ 32 ☐ 33 ☐ 34 ☐ 35 ☐ 36 ☐ 37 ☐ 38 ☐ 39 ☐ 40

Stripe in A, soft sage

☐ **Row 41**	With A, ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across	**(35 hdc)**

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☐ **Rows 42 to 50** Ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across **(35 hdc)**

A box for each row, 42 to 50: tick them off as you go.

42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 51** With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across **(35 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 52 to 60** Ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across **(35 hdc)**

A box for each row, 52 to 60: tick them off as you go.

52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60

Stripe in A, soft sage

☐ **Row 61** With A, ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across **(35 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 62 to 70** Ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across **(35 hdc)**

A box for each row, 62 to 70: tick them off as you go.

62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 71** With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across **(35 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 72 to 80** Ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across **(35 hdc)**

A box for each row, 72 to 80: tick them off as you go.

72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80

Stripe in A, soft sage

☐ **Row 81** With A, ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across **(35 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 82 to 90** Ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across **(35 hdc)**

A box for each row, 82 to 90: tick them off as you go.

82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 91** With B, ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across **(35 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 92 to 100** Ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across **(35 hdc)**

A box for each row, 92 to 100: tick them off as you go.

92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100

Stripe in A, soft sage

☐ **Row 101** With A, ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across **(35 hdc)**

☐ **Rows 102 to 110** Ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across **(35 hdc)**

A box for each row, 102 to 110: tick them off as you go.

102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110

☐ **End** Fasten off.

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Border

Yarn C, dark moss.

Hold the piece with the right side facing you and the last row at the top; the first st is the one at the right-hand corner.

☐ **Foundation**	Work around the edge of the piece, right side facing: the 35 sts of the last row, the ends of the 110 rows, the 35 chs of the foundation, the ends of the 110 rows.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 33 sts, 3 sc in next st, **[**sc in end of each of next 4 rows, 2 sc in end of next row**] 22 times**, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 33 chs, 3 sc in next ch, **[**sc in end of each of next 4 rows, 2 sc in end of next row**] 22 times**; join with sl st in first sc **(342 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st as join, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 35 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 134 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 35 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 133 sts; join with sl st in first sc **(350 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Assembly

1. Weave in the ends with the yarn needle, changing direction once or twice. Lay the cover flat, pull it gently to its size, dampen it and let it dry.

2. Ties (make 4): with C, ch 110, which is about 34 in (86 cm), and fasten off, leaving tails of 6 in (15 cm). Knot both ends and cut the tails to 1 in (2.5 cm). Fold a tie in half. Put the hook from the wrong side to the right side through a corner stitch of the border, the middle one of the 3 sc worked in one place in round 2, pull the fold of the tie through, pass both ends of the tie through the fold, and draw it tight. Put one tie in each of the 4 corners.

3. Lay the cover on the bench or over the pad, right side up, and tie the two ends of each tie in a bow around the leg or the rail of the bench at that corner.

Finishing

- To wash the cover, untie it and follow the label of the yarn. Lay it flat to dry.

In all: 4,542 stitches (3,850 in the cover, 692 in the border).

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